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## Diary of a Wartime Chef

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Only winter berries  
wild mushrooms and each of us  
half the man he came.

No more of heroes  
instead they want to hear  
advice:  
*Always keep the mortar clean.*

Recipes:  
*Before frying in sweet oil,  
slash and coat the eggplants  
with a mixture of egg whites, pepper,  
cilantro juice, murri and powdered lavender.  
Serve hot  
with segments of citrus.*

They fall asleep  
between bread and entrée  
and more advice:  
*Use medium sized eggplants.*

They lay there  
emaciated.

*Remember to fill the cuts with salt  
to remove bitterness.*